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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£200,000.

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOUEN, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

Messrs C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. SCHWEDLIN, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " " 4 " " "

" 12 " " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 D. Lira.

RESERVE FUND.....1,000,000 Dollars.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " " 4 " " "

" 12 " " " 5 " " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1881.

## To Let.

GODOWN-STO-LET.

PRATA EAST AND WESTERN ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

RIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

## To Let.

NO. 4, Old Bailey Street.

No. 8, Hollywood Road, from 1st January.

Apply to

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, November 23, 1881.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their

GOODS by Messrs KYNOC & Co., of

WATTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13m82

## Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 19th of December, 1881, at 12 o'clock

Noon, at their Sales Room,

THE ANAMITE STEAMER

"LI-TAI"

of about 38,000 Piculs Carrying Capacity.

And,

THE ANAMITE STEAMER

"SHUN-TIP,"

of about 4,800 Piculs Carrying Capacity.

The above Vessels are in good Order

and the BOILERS are quite new; they will

be SOLD, as they are now lying at Yow-

MATHEW, in Separate Lots.

TERMS.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.

The Lots to be at Purchaser's risk on the

fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

SHUN WO YUEN & Co.,

No. 100, Wing Lok St.,

or to

ECA DA SILVA & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 10, 1881. de19

## ART AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Baron STILLERMEYER, to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 22nd December, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his

Studio, Queen's Road, No. 6, next door to

the Chartered Bank,

A FINE COLLECTION OF

WATER-COLORS,

To some of which First Prizes were awarded

at late Exhibitions,

PHOTOGRAPHS, &c., &c.

The above will be on view on Monday,

the 12th December.

TERMS.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 9, 1881. de22

## For Sale.

J. NOBLE.

GOLDSMITH & JEWELLER.

BEGS to intimate that he has JUST

RECEIVED A VERY FINE SELECTION

of JEWELLERY in the Latest Designs

and Highest Class of Workmanship.

SUITES IN DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAP-

PHIRES, and PEARLS; BROOCHES, PEND-

ANTS, LOCKETS, EARRINGS, GENTS'

PINS and STUDS.

A Specially Selected Assortment of GEM

RINGS, of quality, style, finish and ex-

cellence of design.

SILVER and ELECTRO PLATE.

DRAWING and DINING-ROOM CLOCKS,

CARRIAGE CLOCKS, MORDAN'S GOLD

and SILVER PENCIL CASES, OPERA and

FIELD GLASSES, CHRISTENING

PRESENTS, &c.

8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 10, 1881.

## FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S

Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS

TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in

fairly good condition).

Apply to

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

## FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED BY THE FRESHWATER.

GENUINE PORT WINE.

M. DE SCOTZ, CHATEAU well-known

BRANDS—

BLACK LABEL, with 3 Grapes, per

Case of 1 dozen Quarts, .....\$18.

BLACK LABEL, with 2 Grapes, per

Case of 1 dozen Quarts, .....\$16.

WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 dozen

Quarts, .....\$13.

Apply to

F. J. V. JORGE,

At Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s.

Hongkong, December 7, 1881. ja7

## FOR SALE.

J. L. MUM & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts, .....\$17 per 1 doz. Case.

Plata, .....\$18 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 4, 1881.

## SHIP'S COMMODORE.

SHIP'S COMMODORE

STEVEDORE

BILLIARDS AND WATER SUPPLIES.

Hongkong and Whampoa, of the same

Proprietors.

Keep on hand and for Sale, well-assorted

Chinese Stores and Coal of all kinds.

Shipping supplied at the shortest notice with

all kinds of Ballast and fresh Pro-

visions at moderate charges.

E. H. WING-HING-STEAMER.

Hongkong, June 15, 1881. 1483

## For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1881.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TABLE DELICACIES AND FANCY ARTICLES.

OUR STOCK for the PRESENT SEASON is now Complete and Ready for

INSPECTION.

PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS CAKES, FANCY BISCUITS,

FRUITS IN NOVELTY, STILL or BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED and METZ

FRUITS, ASSORTED CANDIED PEELS, MUSCATEL RAISINS

and JORDAN ALMONDS, FRENCH PLUMS, FRENCH

JAMS, JELLIES, &c.

PATÉ DE FOIE GRAS, ASSORTED PATÉS; OX-TONGUES IN JELLY,

COLLARED, SPICED and SMOKED; ANCHOVEY PASTE, POTTED MEATS

and GAME, RUSSIAN CAVIARE, FRENCH TRUFFLES, &c., &c.

PRIME STILTON, CHEESE and YORK HAMS.

FANCY SWEETS and CHOCOLATES.

All the Newest THINGS in COSAQUES:—RURAL DRESSING, YE OLD ENGLISH,

ESTHETIC, QUITE TOO UTTERLY CONSUMMATE, WHO WILL SAY YES! COUNTRY,

MATIMONY, FAMILY, ROMED and JULIET, DUBS and LIVERPOOL COUNTRY,

EXHIBITION of Old Masters, CAPTIVATING, CLASSICAL, MAGIC ROSES, WICKETTES,

Flowers, &c., &c.

TOYS in Great Variety.

PHOTO. FRAMES, a Large and New Assortment of ALBUMS, DRESSING

CASES, WORK BOXES, GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF SETS, FANCY BAGS,

PERFUME CASES, BLOTTING CASES, CIGAR CASES, POCKET BOOKS,

PURSES, ELECTROPLATED GOODS, NEW FLOWER VASES, CARD TRAYS,

JEWELLERY CASES, WATCH STANDS, &c., &c.

MENU and GUEST CARDS in New Designs.

CHRISTMAS and BIRTHDAY CARDS.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE CARDS and TINTED PAPER in Fancy Boxes.

BIRTHDAY and PRESENTATION BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1881. ja5

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

JUST RECEIVED—A Parcel of Splendidly Assorted FANCY GOODS,

Suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

Also, a Large Assortment of TOYS in endless variety.

Our General Drapery, Silk and Dress Departments have been Newly furnished by the

Last FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS.

BLACK SILKS and SATINS.

MORIE STRIPED SILKS and SATINS (very fashionable).

STRIPED VELVET.

EMBOSSED VELVETS and VELVETEENS.

NUN'S VELLING.

BLACK SILK VELVETS and VELVETEENS.

NEW DRESS GOODS, in the latest Novelties, from 25

Cents per Yard.

FLANNELS, BLANKETS, BED and TABLE LINENS, &c., &c., &c.

Also, FANCY LACE GOODS, a very large Assortment.

A Large Lot of WOOL and CREWEL WORK at Half-price.

## ROSE AND COMPANY,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, November 25, 1881. 25ja82

## Insurances.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE

COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company, are

proposed to Grant Insurances against FIRE

at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on

Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of

Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms

and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be

received, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on

first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

posals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARB



## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

**CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.**

**EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.**  
**MUSCATEL RAISINS.**  
**METZ FRUIT.**

**ASSORTED COCAQUES.**  
**CALLARD & BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.**  
**BUTTER SCOTCH.**  
**HONEY SCOTCH.**  
**ROSE TOFFEE.**  
**LEMON TOFFEE.**  
**ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.**  
**PLUM PUDDINGS.**  
**PATRAS CURRANTS.**

**VALENCIA RAISINS.**  
**CHRISTMAS CARDS.**  
**PRESENTATION BOOKS.**  
**FANCY STATIONERY.**  
**LAWN TENNIS SHOES.**  
**KENTISH COB NUTS.**

**EX STEAMER "Glenfinnan."**  
**STILTON CHEESE.**  
**YORK HAM.**  
**CHRISTMAS CAKES.**  
**TEYSSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.**  
**ALMONDS AND RAISINS.**  
**SMYRNA FIGS.**

**PICNIC TONGUES.**  
**ELBERTS.**  
**COCOA.**  
**VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.**  
**LIBBY'S & CO'S COCOA.**  
**FRENCH PLUMS.**

**HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.**  
**PATE DE FOIE GRAS.**  
**MINCEMEAT.**  
**CHOCOLATE-MENIER.**  
**SAUSAGES.**  
**BROWN.**

**ISLONY BUTTER.**  
**DANISH BUTTER.**  
**BREAKFAST TONGUES.**  
**ANCHOVIES.**  
**ASPARAGUS.**  
**SOUPS, &c.**

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**  
**CHAMPAGNES—**  
**HENRI'S MONOPOLÉ & WHITE.**  
**SEAL.**  
**VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.**  
**JULES MUMM & Co., pils & quarts.**

**CLARETS.**  
**CHATEAU LA ROSE, pils & quarts.**  
**CHATEAU LA FITE, " "**  
**CHATEAU LA FITE, " "**  
**BREAKFAST CLARET, " "**

**SHERRIES & PORT.**  
**SACONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON.**  
**TILLADO.**  
**SACONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).**  
**HUNT'S PORT.**

**BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.**  
**1, 2 & 3 star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.**  
**BRANDY, DUMONT & Co's BRANDY.**  
**FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.**  
**KINRAID'S LI WHISKY.**  
**ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.**  
**CHATEAU DE MARASCHINO.**  
**GURACAO.**  
**ANGOSTURA.**  
**BORON'S ORANGE BITTERS.**  
**&c., &c., &c.**

**BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pils & quarts.**  
**GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BUCKLEY, pils & quarts.**  
**PILSENER BEER, in quarts.**  
**DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.**  
**ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.**

**EX AMERICAN MAIL.**  
**Fresh ROLL BUTTER.**  
**Eastern and Californian CHEESE.**  
**BONOLAS ODDISH.**  
**PRIME HAM and BACON.**  
**Russian OIL.**  
**Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.**  
**PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.**  
**Pickled OX-TONGUES.**  
**Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.**  
**Farago's BLACKBERRY in 5 lb cans.**  
**Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.**  
**Outing's Dessert FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.**  
**" Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.**  
**" Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.**  
**" Stuffed PEPPERS.**  
**" Assorted PICKLES.**  
**" MINCEMEAT.**

**COOMB HONEY in Original Frames.**  
**Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.**  
**Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.**  
**McCart's Sugar LEMONADE.**  
**Glam OROVINE.**  
**Smoked SALMON.**  
**Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb cans.**  
**&c., &c., &c.**

**YACET & PICNIC SUPPLIES.**  
**CALIFORNIA RACKER.**  
**COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose.**  
**Alphabetical BISCUITS.**  
**Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.**  
**Ginger CAKES.**  
**Soda BISCUITS.**  
**Oyster BISCUITS.**

**Cracked WHEAT.**  
**OATMEAL.**  
**HOMINY.**  
**CORNMEAL.**  
**BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.**  
**RYE MEAL.**

**SPECIALTY SELECTED CIGARS.**  
**Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 catty boxes.**  
**BREAKFAST CONGOU at 25 cents p. lb.**

**SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.**  
**RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.**  
**Hongkong, December 8, 1881.**

## Intimations.

**STEAM LAUNCHES ALWAYS ON HIRE.**

**THE Undersigned, being the Proper Owner of the following FIVE STEAM LAUNCHES:—*Cara Long, Cara Sing, Cara Shaw, Cara Chai, and Cara On,* now lying in Harbour, begs to inform the Public that they are always ready for Hire at a very reasonable and regular Charge either for special purposes or excursions. As regards *Cara Long, Cara Sing, Cara Shaw, and Cara Chai*, with the exception of *Cara On*, which was originally built at the expense of the Undersigned himself they all belonged to the Company, of which Undersigned and TUNG KEE were Partners. Not long ago TUNG KEE ceased to Share the Responsibility and Interest of the Company, and the Undersigned, in order to prevent any questions arising from this Advertisement is specially published by—**

**TUNG KEE,**  
*In a Wooden House situated at Praya Central, opposite Scott's Lane.*  
**Hongkong, November 26, 1881.** de26

**THE "FAR EAST."**  
**THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.**  
**Apply at this Office.**  
**Hongkong, October 4, 1880.**

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.**  
*Incorporated in Hongkong under the Companies Ordinance of 1865, limiting the Liability of the Shareholders to the amount of their Shares.*

**DATE OF FORMATION AS AN UNLIMITED COMPANY, A.D. 1836.**

**CAPITAL, £2,500,000.**  
**In 10,000 Shares of £250 per Share, \$50 per Share being paid up, viz: \$10 on Application, and \$40 on Allotment.**  
**No further calls are intended to be made.**

**Applications for Shares will be received simultaneously in Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.**

**Consulting Committee.**  
**The Hon. P. RYER, Esq., of Messrs Birley & Co.**  
**H. L. DICKINSON, Esq., of Messrs Birley & Co.**  
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**W. H. F. DAWK, Esq., of Messrs Gibbs, Livingston & Co.**  
**The Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. (Chairman.)**

**BANKERS.**  
**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**Solicitors.**  
**Messrs. BERRINGTON & WOTTON.**

**Auditors.**  
**A. P. M. LEE, Esq.**  
**HENRY SMITH, Esq.**

**General Agents.**  
**Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong.**

**PROPOSALS.**  
**A GENERAL notice having been expressed in favour of forming a Limited Company of the old established CHINA MARINE INSURANCE OFFICE, known as THE CHINA INSURANCE OFFICE, it has been decided to constitute a New Office, to commence business on 1st January, 1882, under the general management of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of China.**

**All accounts relating to the Old Office will be closed to the 31st December, 1881, and the Office wound up, no liability whatever being taken over for outstanding risks or otherwise, by the New Company. The Company, however, will be at liberty to accept as re-insurances, any of the outstanding risks of the Old Office which they may deem advisable.**

**The business of the Office will be Marine Insurance in all its branches, as shown in the Memorandum of Association, and the change of constitution now effected has been made with a view of dividing the chief share of the profits among all contributors of Premium, instead of the whole profits being divided, as heretofore, amongst Shareholders only.**

**The net profits, declared from time to time by the Consulting Committee, will be appropriated as follows, and in the following order of priority—**

**1. Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum (non-cumulative) on the paid up Capital of the Office; and it will be provided, by the Articles of Association that *ad interim* payments may be declared and distributed half-yearly.**

**2. In the establishment and maintenance of a Reserve Fund of \$500,000.**

**3. In making a return to all contributors of premium, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amounts of premium paid.**

**The Reserve Fund will be formed by annual appropriations of not more than 30 per cent. of the profits of the year, after payment of a 10 per cent. dividend to Shareholders.**

**The interest accruing on the Reserve Fund will be the property of the Shareholders, and will be distributed *pro rata* amongst the Shareholders as may appear most expedient from time to time.**

**The Reserve Fund will be credited as above provided for until it shall reach \$500,000, at which sum it will be maintained by further appropriations on the foregoing basis, as may be necessary from time to time. It will remain the property of Shareholders and will be applicable only to meeting contingencies deemed exceptional by the Consulting Committee, and to equalizing Dividends. For the more effectual security of the Shareholders, it will be invested apart from the other Funds of the Company in such special securities as the Consulting Committee may from time to time select.**

**After providing for the 10 per cent. interest to Shareholders and for the Reserve Fund and interest thereon in manner above mentioned, the remaining net profits in each year will be divided as *Bonus* amongst all contributors of Premium whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amount of net premium contributed by them respectively.**

**It is intended that the Agencies of the Old Office, established at all well-known ports throughout the World, shall be continued, and made available for the New Company.**

**The success which has attended the working of the Old Office during a period of nearly half-a-century is well known, and**

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from the results hitherto obtained, it may be confidently anticipated that supporters of the New Company, as surplus profits will now be divided amongst all contributors of business, will receive a handsome return on the Premium paid by them.

For the convenience of Shareholders, arrangements will be made for the transfer of Shares in London, as well as in Hongkong, and for their registration by the Company at the Head Office in Hongkong.

It is proposed to offer Shareholders in the Old Office a preferential Allotment of Shares in the New Company to the extent of their present interest in the Capital.

Applications for Shares should be addressed to the General Agents direct, or through the several Agencies of the Old Office, in the annexed form, and will be received in Hongkong, Shanghai and London until Saturday, the 24th instant, at noon.

The only Contract entered into by the Company, is one with Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. as General Agents.

Copies of the above Contract, and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, may be inspected at the offices of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., and of Messrs BERRINGTON & WOTTON, Solicitors to the Company.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
**Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1881.**

**FORM OF APPLICATION.**  
**December 1st, 1881.**  
**To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents of The China Insurance Office, Limited, Hongkong.**

**GENTLEMEN,**  
I enclose on the sum of \$..... being a deposit of \$10 (per Share on..... Shares in the above-named Company, and request you to allot to me that number of Shares upon the terms of the Company's Prospectus, dated the 8th December, 1881, and hereby agree to accept the same or any smaller number that may be allotted to me, and to pay the balance of \$40 per Share on allotment as provided by the said Prospectus, and to authorize you to register me as holder of the said Shares.

I agree to subscribe the Articles of Association when required.

Name in full.....  
Address.....  
Description.....  
Date.....  
Signature.....

**WINDSOR HOUSE.**  
**NO. 18 AND 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.**

**THE above well-furnished Hotel commands a fine view of the Harbour and Shipping, and the building is surrounded by a large Verandah, which makes this the coolest Hotel in the East.**

**Charges—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Porter to land and ship baggage.**

**SMITH, SWIFT & Co.**  
**Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.**

**Insurances.**  
**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
**INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.**

**THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—**

**Marine Department.**  
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

**Fire Department.**  
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
**Hongkong, July 25, 1872.**

**NOTICE.**  
**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1/2 per cent. net premium per annum.**  
**NORTON & Co., Agents.**  
**Hongkong, May 19, 1881.**

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**  
**CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00**  
**PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00**  
**SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 288,936.17**  
**TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881.....Tls. 938,936.17**

**Directors.**  
**F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.**  
**W. M. BOYD, Esq., WM. MEYERLIN, Esq., J. H. PINCKVOS, F. D. HITCH, Esq., Esq.**

**HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.**  
**Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.**

**LONDON BRANCH:**  
**Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.**

**RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.**

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## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.**  
**TO-MORROW & MONDAY EVENINGS.**  
**17th and 18th December.**  
**THE WANDERERS WILL PERFORM "PYGMALION & GALATEA."**  
**An entirely ORIGINAL MYTHOLOGICAL COMEDY, in Three Acts.**

**Dramatis Personæ.**  
**Pygmalion (an Athenian sculptor), Mr. P. WILLARD.**  
**Chryseos (an Artisan), Mr. RUSSELL.**  
**Leucippe (a soldier), Mr. N. CARLTON.**  
**Agamemnon (Chryseos' slave), Mr. BRAID.**  
**Mimos (Pygmalion's slave), Mr. HESBY.**  
**Galatea (an animated statue), Miss A. BERRSFORD.**  
**Cynisea (Pygmalion's wife), Miss A. VERNIE.**  
**Daphne (Chryseos' wife), Miss V. LYLE.**  
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**PRICES OF ADMISSION:**  
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**Doors open at 8.30; Commence at 9 p.m.**  
**Hongkong, December 16, 1881.** de18

**Insurances.**  
**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
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**NOTICE.**  
**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
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**NORTON & Co., Agents.**  
**Hongkong, May 19, 1881.**

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**  
**CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00**  
**PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00**  
**SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 288,936.17**  
**TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881.....Tls. 938,936.17**

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
**Dec. 15, 6.30 p.m., Consolation, British steamer, 764, R. Young, Bangkok Dec. 5, 8 p.m., General—YOUNG FAT HONG.**  
**Dec. 16, Vigilant, H. M. despatch vessel, 1000, C. Lindsay, Chusan Dec. 13.**  
**Dec. 16, Shen-chi, Chinese gunboat, from a cruise.**  
**Dec. 16, Yorkshire, British steamer, 1457, H. Longley, Amoy Dec. 14, Ten—RUSSELL & Co.**  
**Dec. 16, Sin Nanxing, British steamer, 747, Drage, Shanghai Dec. 12, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
**Dec. 16, Britus, German steamer, 460, H. E. Voegel, Manila Dec. 13, General—RUSSELL & Co.**  
**Dec. 16, Jinnan, French steamer, 2345, de Boissell Baron, Shanghai Dec. 14, Mails and General—MESSAGIERES MARITIMES.**

**DEPARTURES.**  
**Dec. 15, Artemisia, for Nagasaki.**  
**16, Cheong, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.**  
**16, Ping-on, for Hoihow, &c.**  
**16, Chinkiang, for Shanghai.**  
**16, China, for Swatow.**  
**16, Louis Eugene, for Saigon.**  
**16, Olympia, for Chinkiang.**  
**16, Sin Nanxing, for Canton.**  
**16, Belgic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.**

**CLEARED.**  
**Hammonia, for Guam.**  
**Yokohama, for Singapore, &c.**  
**Ashington, for Swatow, &c.**  
**Hermes, for Manila.**

**PASSENGERS.**  
**Per Consolation, from Bangkok, 70 Chinese.**  
**Per Yorkshire, from Amoy, Messrs Cass and Leighton, and 371 Chinese for Singapore.**  
**Per Sin Nanxing, from Shanghai, 90 Chinese.**  
**Per Britus, from Manila, 2 Europeans.**  
**Per Jinnan, from Shanghai, for Hongkong, Sir Edwin Johnson, Messrs P. A. Need, and Trevelock, Rev. P. F. Fane, and 4 Chinese; for Saigon, 1 Annamite; for Singapore, 1 Chinese; for Marseilles, Mr. B. Layton, Mrs. French, Mr. W. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield, Mr. A. French, Lieut. Bontakoff, Mr. C. Klyn, Mrs. and Miss Honnith, Rev. P. Muller, Messrs James Baker, C. Fischer, John Andrus, and Samuel Patey.**

**DEPARTED.**  
**Per Ping-on, for Hoihow, &c., 68 Chinese.**  
**Per Chinkiang, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.**  
**Per China, for Swatow, 60 Chinese.**  
**Per Belgic, for San Francisco, 3 Europeans, and 671 Chinese.**

**TO DEPART.**  
**Per Yorkshire, for Singapore, &c., 371 Chinese.**  
**Per Ashington, for Swatow, &c., 12 Chinese.**

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
**The British steamer Consolation reports: Left Bangkok at 8 p.m. on the 5th, had moderate easterly winds in the Gulf of Siam, and steady strong monsoon as far as 15° North. On the 12th, had violent gale, wind veering from N.W. to S.W. Last 3 days easterly winds and thick rainy weather. Arrived here at 6.30 p.m. on 16th.**  
**The British steamer Yorkshire reports: Strong gale and heavy sea from the N.E. with rain and thick weather.**  
**The British steamer Sin Nanxing reports: Strong N.E. and Northerly winds, heavy sea and dirty weather.**  
**The German steamer Britus reports: Stormy high sea, wind N.N.E. and thick weather.**

**CARGO.**  
**Per S. S. Glenfinnan, from Canton waters to London, sailed 14th December—40,630 lbs. Congou, 231,784 lbs. Scented Capers, and 22,050 lbs. Scented Orange Peel—total 354,469 lbs. The 150 bales Waste Silk, and 70 pkgs. Sundries.**

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
**MAILS will close:—**  
**For NAGASAKI and SAN FRANCISCO—**  
**Per Mary Takam, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 17th inst.**  
**For SWATOW—**  
**Per Decima, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.**<



on Crown Lands. Sixty-six of these cases were opened before the Magistrate, this morning, when formal evidence in the matter was given by Inspector Thomson, and they were remanded till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

**The Vigilant**, 2, Dasyth vessel, Lieutenant and Commander C. Lindsey, arrived here from Chusan this morning. She left Chusan at six o'clock on Tuesday morning, and reports that the Detached Squadron was to leave that port for Amoy, at nine o'clock on the same morning. It is expected that Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam will leave here for home by mail steamer for England on account of a recent illness from which he is but just recovered; and the squadron will probably disperse on arrival at Singapore, the several vessels finding their way home independently. The squadron will, we understand, leave Amoy to-morrow, and their arrival here may be expected on Monday next.

The following extract from the *Temperance Union*, as to the establishment of the Saviour's Rest in Shanghai, is of interest in connection with the correspondence published in our columns a short time ago:—

—The Saviour's Rest, we are glad to learn, is proving itself to be in fact what it is in name. During the week many of our leading residents have expressed their sympathy with the object by giving small donations to meet the expenses lately incurred in adding a hall for public meetings. There can be no doubt the place is admirably situated for the object intended, and if discreetly conducted, will supply a place long needed in Hong-kong, where Jack can get a chop, meat, pass a pleasant hour, and for two or three sessions. We understand that a temperance meeting will be held there next Thursday, when residents and sailors will unite to make a pleasant evening. The Rev. G. Fitch will give an address.

#### LAW NOTICE.

##### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

(In Registrar's Chambers.)  
IN BANKRUPTCY.—Saturday, 17th Dec., 11 a.m.—In the matter of Dharmadas Danyomall, a bankrupt, adjourned Dividend Meeting.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUPREME JURISDICTION.  
(Before His Honour the Acting Puisne Judge, J. Russell, Esq.)  
Friday, Dec. 10.

**LU ACHING v. STUBBERS**, (837).—Plaintiff in this case sued for \$37 as remuneration for work done in the defendant's studio. Defendant admitted \$28 of the claim, but said that this was too much for the work done. He had consulted his friends, and they were of opinion that the charge was excessive. His Lordship said he would ask Mr. Alfred to look at the work, and give him an estimate of how much it ought to cost. The work had been done, and it was only a question of what was a fair charge. In the afternoon, after professional opinion had been got, plaintiff was awarded \$28.

**CHANG v. LAI PO**, (\$100).—Plaintiff alleged that he had paid to defendant, on the 10th of October, 25 reams of printing paper at \$4 a ream, delivery to be taken within one month, and cash to be paid on delivery. Defendant denied the purchase, and said that all that was done was that he promised to take the paper if he had sufficient money to pay for it. It was ultimately agreed that the case should be adjourned until Monday, so as to give defendant an opportunity of taking over and paying for the goods.

**ALMADA v. CASTRO**, & *Inter*.—This case which was adjourned till Monday, Dec. 8, came up. Inspector Cameron gave evidence as to the injury done by defendant to the fadings of the sea wall, and also the destruction of several large trees. The sum sued for by the plaintiff said that the sum sued for had been mitigated from \$300 to \$100, but his Lordship declined to give judgment in the matter until Mr. Ford had made an estimate as to the value of the trees destroyed.

**IN BANKRUPTCY.**  
(Before the Hon. F. Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

**IN THE CASE OF FREDERICK ALBERT CARL HAHN.**

The final examination of this bankrupt was adjourned last week so as to enable evidence to be taken on certain items which he had set down in his accounts on the second examination which on the first he had not entered, (money paid or due to Mr. Peter Smith who holds a bill of sale over the furniture, &c.) The Registrar to-day examined Mr. and Mrs. Smith as to the items, which were made up of loans, money paid, bankrupt, and charges for repairs, &c. His Lordship said their statements were satisfactory. Addressing the bankrupt, his Lordship said the Registrar had examined Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and they had given an account of the advances which was satisfactory to Mr. Bangster, and therefore he (his Lordship) saw no reason why he should not allow the bankrupt to retain his final examination. The accounts showed that his method of carrying on business was not satisfactory at all. It seemed that he had carried it on on the money advanced by Mr. and Mrs. Smith. He had got a lot of bad debts, and the result was that he was not able to pay his creditors. His Lordship did not see any advantage would be derived from not allowing him to pass his final examination, therefore he could pass it now, but he must assist in every possible way in getting in the estate, and his services must be at the disposal of Mr. Bangster.

**Police Intelligence.**  
(Before H. R. Wodhouse, Esq.)  
Friday, Dec. 10.

**THE WIFE'S REVENGE.**  
Phillip Arthur, son of H. M. S. Alford, was charged with the unlawful possession of two pairs of cloth trousers on the 15th instant.

Chau Tin Fong, a tailor residing at No. 103 Queen's Road East, said the two pairs of trousers in Court were his property. He identified them by his shop which was marked with the number 103. Chau Tin Fong, a tailor in the employ of last witness, said that yesterday afternoon four or five tailors came into the shop and said they wanted to make some purchases. They looked at a lot of things, but after a time they left without buying anything. Later on the defendant came by himself

and offered a pair of new trousers for sale. He wanted \$3 for them, but without would not sell. He brought out two pairs and offered them for \$5. On witness examining the trousers he found his master's chop upon them, and he retained possession of the trousers, telling defendant to come back at six o'clock when he would receive payment for them, as the master was then out. On defendant coming back at that hour his master told him that he must give up the two pairs of trousers or he would be given into custody. This he refused to do, and a policeman was sent for. The trousers were first missed about three o'clock, some time after the first visit of the sailors. They were intended for some other use, and it was when they were missed. Witness had no difficulty in identifying defendant as one of the men who came on the first occasion. He pretended to be drunk then. Witness did not know whether the other sailors who came the first time had anything to do with this affair.

P. C. 3, John Lyons, said he was sent to first witness's shop yesterday evening in company with the defendant. When they arrived there he pointed to a pair of English-made trousers and said they very much resembled a pair that belonged to him. He had previously said at the station that the two pairs of trousers he had tried to sell were English-made and he could point them out. He could not swear to the trousers he had pointed out, but he said they were like his. He looked about the shop, but could not find any English-made trousers, although there was American-made clothing.

Defendant said that he went to complainant's shop yesterday evening with two pairs of trousers belonging to himself, which he offered for sale. On going back at six o'clock for the money according to appointment, instead of paying him the amount agreed on they gave him back two pairs of American cloth trousers and said they did not want to buy them. They had declined to take the trousers he had brought, but he said they were not the trousers he had offered for sale. The ones he took to the shop were English-made, but they told him they had no English-made clothes in the shop.

Constable Lyons, recalled, said he had searched the shop carefully but could find no English cloth trousers there except the one which defendant said resembled his.

Chau Lun Shu, recalled, said the two pairs of trousers the defendant brought to the shop to sell had been there before he came on the first occasion. They had just been finished and were ready to go out. They had been placed on top of a box, against which the sailors had been leaning. When he saw any one take the trousers away, and they were not missed for two hours after the men had gone. When the defendant brought them to the shop he had one pair in his hand, and the other pair under his jacket.

Another tailor in the same employ also identified the trousers as his, and upon them, but he was not certain if defendant was one of the party who first came to the shop and looked at a lot of things.

Lieutenant H. C. Martin of the *Albatross*, said defendant's character on board was "fair" but was not "good." He had several times been suspected of larceny but it had never been proved against him. He had never been in any way connected with the case, and he had never been suspected of larceny until he joined the *Albatross*. A man named Churchill made the trousers, but he had never gone home. He said he took them ashore on the previous day to sell them, but he could not call any one who had seen him with them.

Sentence—Six months imprisonment with hard labour.

#### NO LIGHT OR FARE.

Tsang A Hi, a coolie, was charged with being found in the public street at a late hour last night without either a light or fare.

Defendant admitted the charge but made a statement as to why he was out at that hour, which was proved by the constable to be untrue. He was found inside a building in course of erection.

Three months imprisonment with hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.

#### DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Frederick Merv, a seaman unemployed, and James Driscoll of the U. S. S. *Aleut*, pleaded guilty to being drunk and incapable yesterday evening, and were each fined in the sum of 50 cents, or one day's imprisonment.

#### CROSS SUMMONS.

Mario Linde said that about half past ten on Wednesday night the constable came into the house, and, in a loud voice, told the proprietor that he had no business to serve the people who were at the bar. The only persons there were three men who had just come in. The house was quiet and the orderer him out. He did not use any bad language nor threaten to beat her, and she was not frightened. His Worship discharged the case.

Frederick Linde then appeared on a summons at the instance of the defendant in last case, charged with supplying liquor to a drunken man at the time referred to in the previous case.

Herbert Servant said that on the night in question he saw three Indians, one of whom was very drunk go into the Star Hotel and each get a glass of spirits. Defendant was just about to supply another glass when he was interrupted and told him he had no right to serve these fellows. Defendant's wife then began to abuse the constable, using most violent language and causing a crowd to assemble outside the door. The man who was drunk then came out, but he was unable to stand, and was sent down by the police Court with being drunk and incapable.

By defendant—I did not have the drunken man drinking the liquor that you had supplied him with.

P. C. 613, Peel Bhoj, gave corroborative evidence. Defendant said he did not serve any liquor to the drunken man. He remembered the three men coming in. Two of them were sober and he supplied them, but one of them upset his glass and it was being refilled when they brought out foreign coins which he refused to take, and he took the drinks from them in consequence, and none of the men had anything in his stomach.

The Constable recalled, said that the men did have liquor, and it was only the second round which they had called for which was not served, and that was also what he witnessed had intervened in the matter.

Peel Bhoj also recalled, said he distinctly saw the defendant serve three drinks. There was no possibility of mistake as to the man being drunk.

Defendant admitted having been fined \$10 about four months ago for keeping a disorderly house.

The further hearing of the case was remanded till eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE LAND MANIA IN HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Queen's Road, Dec. 10, 1891.  
SIR,—On the 26th of May last I had the pleasure to address you on the above subject; and in the course of my remarks cast some doubts upon the reliability of the land sales reported as then taking place, and questioned the permanency of the rapid strides property was then said to be making.

I need not remind you that the views which I then expressed were seriously called in question shortly after, that an official list correcting in some particulars that which you had published and which I had ventured to criticise, was printed in the *Government Gazette* of 4th June, and the view was enunciated on high authority, that the advance in price of land was permanent. Such is not, I regret to say, the experience of the present time, and the following note of two land sales by Public Auction which took place this afternoon are both interesting and instructive.

(1) Sub-section No. 1 of Section D. of Island Lot 202, situated in Queen's Road Central and Jarvis Street, containing 1,333 square feet more or less, was bought in the summer for \$36,500. It was sold to-day for \$20,000, showing a clear loss of \$16,500 or 41%. Land in a worse situation was valued a few weeks since at \$10.00 per foot; that sold to-day was bought at \$26.00 and sold at \$14.00 per foot.

(2) Island Lot 52, situated at the bottom of West Street, Tai-ping Shan, and with an area of 1,000 square feet, was bought a few months since for \$18,000 and sold to-day at \$9,500. It contains 1,520 square feet more or less, and was bought at \$11.00 per square foot and sold for \$6.00, giving a clear loss of \$5,000 or 47%.

Yours faithfully,  
R. S. ALFORD.

Surveyor, &c., &c.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

Some unusual occurrence must have taken place on board the steamer *Norddeutsche*, belonging to the new Colony of Marquis du Rais (Port Breton), as when the vessel was about to leave Manila for Port Breton, a man named Mariano, who was ordered by the authorities of Bkonde to be detained. According to *El Comercio* the passengers who were on board for both ports were subsequently landed. What the cause of the detention was, is not yet known, but we shall hear soon about the matter.

The typhoon seem to be reluctant to cause for the year 1891. On the 10th the Rev. Father Faura observed a fall in the barometrical column; although nothing alarming could be predicted at the time, the falling barometer caused some surprise. Yesterday (11th) the instrument was still falling; the observations of the Rev. Father Faura led to the following effects:—The day broke with signs of an approaching typhoon from the E.S.E. In view of this, news was sent abroad to avoid disasters that might occur on such occasions. The wind was steady from N. and N.E. during the whole day, but the barometer was very irregular in its movements. At 7 p.m. the barometer was falling rapidly, and between 10 and 12 midnight it fell so rapidly that something like a fall of 2 millimetres was observed each hour. The wind by this time was blowing with violence from N.W. with oscillations to N.W. and N.E., and continued in these directions till 4 o'clock in the morning of the 12th, then it rapidly veered to the E.S.E., and the barometer began to rise. The wind never reached hurricane force, though there were gusts, between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. of the 12th of 30 meters per second. The vortex of the typhoon passed to the South of Manila, but pretty close; consequently the provinces which will suffer most are those to the South, up to Batangas and Tayabas, the quantity of water collected in the pluviometer was 70 millimetres. The steamer *Zeus* and *Sorogon*, whose arrival was expected, the former on the 10th, and the latter on the 11th, have not yet turned up. They probably have taken refuge in some of the neighbouring bays.

The British barque *Channel Queen* arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 10th December in ballast.

The German barque *Arab* arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 12th December.

The British steamer *Beatrice* left Manila for Shanghai on the 12th December.

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satisfactory to the gentlemen themselves, and an encouragement to others who have refused to subscribe on the ground that they did not know how the money was expended.

The authorities at Tai-chow have been asked to address you on the above subject; and in the course of my remarks cast some doubts upon the reliability of the land sales reported as then taking place, and questioned the permanency of the rapid strides property was then said to be making.

I need not remind you that the views which I then expressed were seriously called in question shortly after, that an official list correcting in some particulars that which you had published and which I had ventured to criticise, was printed in the *Government Gazette* of 4th June, and the view was enunciated on high authority, that the advance in price of land was permanent. Such is not, I regret to say, the experience of the present time, and the following note of two land sales by Public Auction which took place this afternoon are both interesting and instructive.

(1) Sub-section No. 1 of Section D. of Island Lot 202, situated in Queen's Road Central and Jarvis Street, containing 1,333 square feet more or less, was bought in the summer for \$36,500. It was sold to-day for \$20,000, showing a clear loss of \$16,500 or 41%. Land in a worse situation was valued a few weeks since at \$10.00 per foot; that sold to-day was bought at \$26.00 and sold at \$14.00 per foot.

(2) Island Lot 52, situated at the bottom of West Street, Tai-ping Shan, and with an area of 1,000 square feet, was bought a few months since for \$18,000 and sold to-day at \$9,500. It contains 1,520 square feet more or less, and was bought at \$11.00 per square foot and sold for \$6.00, giving a clear loss of \$5,000 or 47%.

Yours faithfully,  
R. S. ALFORD.

Surveyor, &c., &c.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

Some unusual occurrence must have taken place on board the steamer *Norddeutsche*, belonging to the new Colony of Marquis du Rais (Port Breton), as when the vessel was about to leave Manila for Port Breton, a man named Mariano, who was ordered by the authorities of Bkonde to be detained. According to *El Comercio* the passengers who were on board for both ports were subsequently landed. What the cause of the detention was, is not yet known, but we shall hear soon about the matter.

The typhoon seem to be reluctant to cause for the year 1891. On the 10th the Rev. Father Faura observed a fall in the barometrical column; although nothing alarming could be predicted at the time, the falling barometer caused some surprise. Yesterday (11th) the instrument was still falling; the observations of the Rev. Father Faura led to the following effects:—The day broke with signs of an approaching typhoon from the E.S.E. In view of this, news was sent abroad to avoid disasters that might occur on such occasions. The wind was steady from N. and N.E. during the whole day, but the barometer was very irregular in its movements. At 7 p.m. the barometer was falling rapidly, and between 10 and 12 midnight it fell so rapidly that something like a fall of 2 millimetres was observed each hour. The wind by this time was blowing with violence from N.W. with oscillations to N.W. and N.E., and continued in these directions till 4 o'clock in the morning of the 12th, then it rapidly veered to the E.S.E., and the barometer began to rise. The wind never reached hurricane force, though there were gusts, between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. of the 12th of 30 meters per second. The vortex of the typhoon passed to the South of Manila, but pretty close; consequently the provinces which will suffer most are those to the South, up to Batangas and Tayabas, the quantity of water collected in the pluviometer was 70 millimetres. The steamer *Zeus* and *Sorogon*, whose arrival was expected, the former on the 10th, and the latter on the 11th, have not yet turned up. They probably have taken refuge in some of the neighbouring bays.

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